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SUBJECT: IRAQI OIL MINISTER RENEWS CALL FOR PROGRAMMING
OF OIL PRODUCTION

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1. WILLIAM BRANIGIN OF MCGRAW HILL PUBLICATIONS (ALSO
A STRINGER FOR WASHINGTON POST AND NEWSWEEK) HAS BRIEFED
USINT ON INTERVIEW HE HAD ON FEBRUARY 22 WITH IRAQI
OIL MINISTER TAYIH ABDUL KARIM. ABDUL KARIM CALLED
FOR HOLDING OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF OPEC ELEVEN
FOR PURPOSE OF PROGRAMMING OIL PRODUCTION OF THE

ELEVEN TO SHARE THE BURDEN OF THE TWO-TIER PRICE SYSTEM
IN THE EVENT THAT SAUDI ARABIA CARRIES OUT ITS THREAT TO
INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION. ABDUL KARIM STATED THAT IRAQ
IS NOT "EXEMPT"
FROM THE EFFECT OF THE PRICE STRUCTURE
RESULTING FROM THE DOHA CONFERENCE. HE STATED THAT SAUDI
ARABIA HAD REJECTED QATARI PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE PRICE OF
SAUDI OIL 10 PERCENT IN EXCHANGE FOR CANCELLATION OF
5 PERCENT ADDITIONAL INCREASE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1977.
HE ADDED THAT GOI IS ADHERING TO THE DECISION OF THE OPEC
ELEVEN WITH REGARD TO THE "MINIMUM PRICE LEVEL INCREASE.

2. COMMENT: MINISTER OF OIL'S STATEMENT APPEARS TO BE
FIRST PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT GOI IS FEELING THE
IMPACT OF THE DOHA PRICE STRUCTURE. HIS ASSERTION THAT
GOI IS ADHERING TO THE 10 PERCENT PRICE INCREASE AGREED
AT DOHA IS CONTRADICTED BY PUBLIC REPORTS. BRITISH
AND JAPANESE EMBOFFS, WHO HAVE BRIEFED US ON TALKS
THEIR COMPANIES RECENTLY HELD WITH GOI, SEEMED CONFIDENT
THAT IRAQIS WOULD MODIFY THEIR PRICE STANCE, AT LEAST
IN PRIVATE
DEALINGS. REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN MAJOR
WHO WAS IN BAGHDAD RECENTLY ALSO CONCLUDED THAT IRAQIS WOULD
TAKE A "BUSINESSLIKE" APPROYCH TO PRICE ISSUE AND DO
WHAT MARKET REQUIRED. WE DOUBT THAT IRAQI ATTACHMENT TO
IDEA OF PRODUCTIONPROGRAMMING BY OPEC ELEVEN INCLUDES
IRAQI WILLINGNESS TO SCALE BACK ITS OWN PRODUCTION
SCHEDULES, WHICH ARE GEARED TO AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM. IRAQIS MAINTAIN THEY ARE STILL CATCHING
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UP FOR PRODUCTION LOST IN PERIOD FOLLOWING NATIONALIZATION
OF WESTERN CONESSIONS.
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